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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP(WHO): MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH 27TH WHA

1. GENEVA GROUP WHO SESSION, CHAIRED BY US(ASST SEC EDWARDS), HELD MAY 6 WITH REPS FORM CAPITALS AND ATTENDED BY ALL MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS. AGENDA COMPRISED 1975 BUDGET, REAL ESTATE FUND, DURATION OF FUTURE ASSEMBLIES, METHODS OF WORK OF EXEC BOARD (ABOLITION OF STANDING COMMITTEE) AND COORDINATION WITH UN SYSTEM(INFORMATION SYSTEMS). SESSION ALSO ESTABLISHED DATE OF GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) MEETING TO DISCUSS JAPANESE DRAFT GUIDELINES ON ECOSOC IN-DEPTH STUDY ON ITU ON MAY 30, 1974.

2. 1975 WHO BUDGET: WILL BE SUPPORTED BY ALL MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS AT PROPOSED LEVEL. ITALIAN REP RAISED QUESTION OF ATTITUDE TO BE ADOPTED IF BUDGET LEVEL INCREASE WERE TO BE PORPOSED DURING 27TH WHA. HOWEVER, NO MEMBER ANTICIPATED ANY SUCH MOVE AND ALL WOULD HAVE TO SEEK INSTRUCTION FROM CAPITALS IN SUCH EVENT.

3. REAL ESTATE FUND: ALTHOUGH SOME MEMBERS APPEARED SUPPORT US SUGGESTION THAT CASUAL INCOME BE USED TO

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REDUCE ASSESSMENTS RATHER THAN INCREASE REAL ESTATE FUND

(INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY JAPAN, FRG AND UK), BELGIUM AND SWEDEN WONDERED IF IN VIEW OF MODEST BUDGET INCREASE FOR 1975 AND SMALL AMOUNT AVAILABLE IN CASUAL INCOME(\$200,000) A MOVE CONTRARY TO DG WISHES ON THIS MATTER WOULD BE POLITICALLY WISE. ONE SUGGESTION WAS THAT CASUAL INCOME SHOULD BE PLACED IN REAL ESTATE FUND ONLY TO MEET ESTABLISHED NEEDS AND NOT TO BUILD UP FUND. US DEL SUGGESTED AS ONE POSSIBLE COMPROMISE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT POINTS MADE BY BELGIUM AND SWEDEN, THAT RATHER THAN TRANSFER TO REAL ESTATE FUND, \$200,000 MIGHT BE LEFT IN ASSEMBLY SUSPENSE ACCOUNT. THIS POSITION WOULD ASSURE CONTINUING AVAILABILITY OF CASUAL INCOME FOR REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENTS IN FUTURE YEARS WHILE ELIMINATING AUTOMATIC TRANSFER PRACTICE TO REAL ESTATE FUND. GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS APPEARED GENERALLY RECEPTIVE TO THIS COMPROMISE PROPOSAL, BEARING IN MIND PROBABILITY THAT INSISTENCE ON USE OF CASUAL INCOME TO REDUCE APPROPRIATIONS INVOLVES RISK OF LOSS OF BOTH THESE DESIDERATA.

4. DURATION OF FUTURE ASSEMBLIES: THIS ITEM PLACE ON AGENDA BY UK WHO AGREED PREPARE DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS CONSIDERATION, ASKING EXEC BOARD TO EXAMINE AND REPORT ON HOW DURATION OF FUTURE ASSEMBLIES COULD BEST BE REDUCED.

5. METHODS OF WORK OF EXEC BOARD (ABOLITION OF STANDING COMMITTEE: NO MEMBERS OR OBSERVERS HAD ANY PLANS TO OPPOSE ABOLITION OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

6. COORDINATION WITH UN SYSTEM (INFORMATION SYSTEM): THERE APPEARED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH US PROPOSAL FOR A WHA RESOLUTION AS PER US POSITION PAPER QTE CALLING FOR WHO TO COOPERATE WITH AND SUPPORT ACC/IOB EFFORTS AT DEVELOPMENT OF COMMON CONCEPTS FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS IN LINE WITH THE ECOSOC DECISION FOR AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THIS SUBJECT. IN DEVELOPING ITS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR WHO PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS WHO SHOULD SEEK MAXIMUM COMPARABILITY WITH SYSTEMS OF OTHER UN ORGANIZATIONS UNQTE. DALE

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